

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct and update the status of the applications to which the present application claims priority. No new priority claims have been added; the only changes are to clarify the relationship between the present application and one priority provisional application ("claims the benefit of" rather than "is a continuation of"); to clarify the relationship of application number 09/875,523 to application number 09/671,534 ("is a continuation of" rather than "claims priority to"); and to update the status of certain priority applications. Therefore, Applicants submit that no new priority claim has been submitted.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that the priority claims as herein amended are proper and that no Petition is required to correct the priority claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Office recognize the priority claim as presented herein and update all relevant records of the Office to reflect the same.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Applicant hereby requests that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in the above-identified patent application. The official Filing Receipt received by Applicant, a copy of which is attached hereto, has the following errors:

The filing receipt does not reflect the priority information as recited in the first paragraph of the present specification, as amended. The filing receipt should be updated to indicate that the present application is a continuation application of application number 09/568,106 filed May 10, 2000, which claims the benefit of provisional application 60/133,761 filed May 12, 1999, and is a continuation in part of application number 09/875,523 filed June 6, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,670,375, which is a continuation of application number 09/671,534 filed September 27, 2000,

now U.S. Patent No. 6,417,221, which is a division of Serial No. 09/314,441 filed May 19, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,353,105, which is a division of Serial No. 08/893,921 filed July 11, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,948,933, and is a continuation in part of Serial No. 08/552,584 filed November 3, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,576.

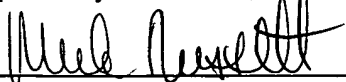
Applicants note that the specification has been amended (as discussed above) to correct the above information in the specification at page 1 under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications." A copy of the Filing Receipt with the changes marked thereupon is also enclosed.

Applicants additionally request that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension or fee is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 04-1105 referencing docket no. 48913CON (70207).

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